

REMARKS

The claims in this case pending and under examination are claims 1-23. Claim 20 has been amended to more clearly explain an embodiment of the invention which is described in the sentence bridging pages 20 and 21 of the specification and also by the first sentence of the second paragraph on page 21 of the specification.

Favorable action and early allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 20 has been amended as follows:

Claim 20. (Amended) An apparatus for the sealing off of and pumping up of tires with tire troubles comprising a pressure-tight container containing a sealing preparation and having an outlet valve for the sealing preparation and also a gas inlet, and a pressure source with which gas under pressure can be introduced into the pressure-tight container via the gas inlet which can be closed by a shut-off valve.